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Dear Mrs Fruhling

Your son has been selected for training in a complex electronic equipment system. The requirements that each student must meet in order to enter this training are extensive and you can be justly proud of his accomplishment in meeting these standards. The purpose of this letter is to tell you something of what he will experience in this course of training.

We are concerned with the development of the theoretical and practical knowledge of electronics which is essential to his progress in the performance of his duties as an electronics technician. The course of training is not an easy one. Your son's life as a student will be exacting and demanding. He will be required to devote extensive concentration to his classroom work as well as many hours of his time outside of the classroom in order to measure up to the high standards of academic proficiency required of each student in this school. There is one point I would like to clarify for your information. In the course of this training, your son will be entrusted with highly classified defense information of vital interest to the nation. He cannot divulge this information to anyone other than authorized military personnel. Therefore, if his letters seem evasive at times to some of your questions, I'm sure you will understand.

When a student enters this school, he starts on an equal footing with all of his classmates. From that time on, whatever he and his classmates make of themselves depends entirely upon their individual abilities and initiative. The training each student receives here will be of considerable value to him in his military career as well as in civilian life in the event he does not elect to continue his career of military service.

These next several months will test your son's determination and desire to successfully fulfill his goal of graduation. There may be times in your communications with your son when he will seem despondent or discouraged. Our experience has shown that encouragement and counsel from those closest to the student airman can be most helpful during this period.

Because of the rigorous training program, our counseling program is designed to assist those students who are having difficulty in any training phase of the course. Additionally, the chaplains, medical personnel, and academic instructors are always willing to discuss any problems that he may have. And to complete our counseling program we, of course, include you who know your son best. You can assist us by encouraging him to meet the challenge of this training environment.

By working together we can assist your son in preparing for a career of dedicated service to his country.

Sincerely

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